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### **US DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE VISITS AZERBAIJAN FOR BILATERAL DEFENSE CONSULTATIONS**

U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Jim MacDougall visited Azerbaijan from December 6 to 8 as the head of a U.S. delegation to conduct the annual bilateral defense consultations with appropriate Azerbaijani officials. The consultations were useful and productive and helped lay the foundation for further security and military cooperation in the coming year. In addition, Mr. MacDougall had meetings at the Ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs to discuss military-to-military relations and security cooperation in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, and in the global war on terror.

Mr. MacDougall works in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and has responsibility for overseeing all aspects of bilateral military relations between the United States and Azerbaijan.